

spin The Jesus Perspective

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The reason Paul uses this poem is to emphasize the character and mindset of Christ, and like any poem, this poem has individual words that carry deep meaning. Let's consider the implications of a few of them.

Verse 6

*Jesus is in the **μορφή** of God, but doesn't consider it **άρπोगμός**.*
μορφή (*morphe*) means nature or essence, more than "form."
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What do you learn about Jesus through this verse?

Verse 7

*Jesus **κενόω** himself, takes on the **μορφή** of a servant and the **σχήμα** of a man.*
κενόω (*keno-o*) means to empty something of power, position or influence
σχήμα (*schema*) means the same as **μορφή**, emphasizing appearance.

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Verses 9-11

What do you learn about Jesus from the way the poem ends?

Take it Home

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***If I lose myself in submission to the Father,
I am given the life I'm meant to have for His Glory.***

Should a Christian ever be concerned with "risking too much" or "losing too much"? Are there pragmatic limits to "losing yourself"? What do you think?

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